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May 19, 2005

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: **SKID ROW OUTREACH STRATEGIES**  
**(BOARD ORDER #SYN 10 – JANUARY 11, 2005)**

This is to provide your Board with the third monthly report on the Skid Row outreach strategies implemented to identify and address the immediate needs of homeless families on Skid Row. As I indicated to you last month, we are continuing to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies, and will report back to your Board later this month with recommendations regarding the possible expansion of these strategies into each Supervisorial District.

In March, 102 families were served by DPSS staff outstationed at the Weingart Access Center and by the Skid Row Outreach Team, for a total of 168 families served since implementation on January 18, 2005.

Although these efforts have proven very successful in placing these families in emergency/temporary shelters, moving them into permanent housing remains a challenge because of the lack of affordable housing. The Department is currently working on two interventions to address this situation. First, later this month, the Home-Based Case Management model pilot will begin in the San Gabriel Valley District, followed by Countywide implementation in July. Case management will be the foundation for the support system homeless families often lack to rebuild their lives after an episode of homelessness.

Second, this summer, we plan to implement a pilot for contracted relocation services to assist homeless families in locating permanent, affordable housing. This staff will coordinate with our new housing case managers, and will have primary responsibility for identifying appropriate neighborhoods and affordable housing for families, overcoming barriers to obtaining housing (i.e., poor credit and evictions), negotiating with landlords, and maintaining a database of available housing. Following the pilot, an RFP will be conducted to begin contract services Countywide in early 2006.

*"To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service"*

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We will continue to provide the monthly report your Board requested for the next three months.

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Office  
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Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Director, Children and Family Services  
Director, Mental Health  
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# MONTHLY REPORT ON SKID ROW OUTREACH STRATEGIES

## March 2005

	This month	Since 1/18/05
<b>I. Referrals</b>		
A. Number of families served		
1. Walk-ins at Weingart Access Center	27	46
2. Referred by Midnight Mission/Other Shelters	3	15
3. Referred by Skid Row Outreach Team	72	107
a. Taken to the Weingart Access Center	12	15
b. Not taken to the Weingart Access Center	60	92
4. Total (from A.1, 2 and 3)	102	168
B. Number of families already on CalWORKs	42	74
C. Number of families referred to CalWORKs	6	12
D. Contacted by Skid Row Team and declined CalWORKs referral	60	88
<b>II. Assistance</b>		
A. CalWORKs Applicants (from I.C)		
1. Approved and issued CalWORKs	1	2
2. Denied CalWORKs (i.e., excess income, working full-time)	3	7
a. Referred for emergency shelter	3	7
3. Not processed (client walked out)	2	3
4. Total (Same as I.C)	6	12
B. Homeless Services (from I.B)		
1. Approved and issued homeless services (Homeless Assistance)	30	54
2. Denied homeless services (not homeless, exhausted benefits)	10	18
a. Referred for emergency shelter	9	15
b. Staying with friends/relatives	1	3
3. Refused DPSS services	2	2
4. Total (Same as I.B)	42	74
<b>III. Services</b>		
Families who were referred to/are receiving services from:		
1. Welfare-to-Work (from I.B + II.A.1)	43	76
a. In GAIN/Employed	35	60
b. GAIN Exempt (disabled, child under one, caring for disabled relative, adult not aided, etc.)	7	14
c. Time Limited	1	2
2. Department of Mental Health (DMH):	7	21
a. Evaluation for the CalWORKs Homeless Families Project	1	5
b. Clinical Assessment	6	16
c. Crisis Intervention	0	0
d. Psychiatric Mobile Response Team (PMRT) evaluation	0	0
3. Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS):	1	1
a. Child Protective Services/Hotline	0	0
b. Family Support Services (i.e., family intervention, counseling, alternative resources, etc.)	1	1
<b>IV. Outcomes of CalWORKs Families</b>		
A. In permanent housing	2	
B. In transitional housing	0	
C. In emergency shelter/hotel/motel	69	
D. Sharing housing with friend/relative	3	
E. CalWORKs case terminated due to the following reason:	0	
1. Excess Income	0	
2. No eligible child/ren in the home	0	
3. No QR 7	0	
4. Failed annual CalWORKs redetermination	0	
5. Client's request	0	
6. Moved out of state/county	0	
F. Total (Same as II.B.4)	74	